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FROM SPRINGFIELD.

The Illinois Legislature--Important Public Measure--The Agricultural College--The Black Laws--Proceedings Yesterday.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune]

SPRINGFIELD, Friday, February 3.

The Agricultural College question, which occupied a large part of the afternoon session of the Senate, dragging from test votes taken, the bill, with the Champaign clamants left out, was finally pass the Senate by a decided majority. If it does, and the same will passes the House, the Agricultural College is virtually dead.

In the House, the Special Committee appointed to report on the Agricultural College bill, reported what is known as the Farmer's Bill, with a few amendments. Among them is one allowing the Senators and Representatives from each Congressional District, to appoint the Commissioners to locate the College, and that said Commissioners so appointed shall immediately advertise to receive proposals from any town or city in the State for its location, up to the sixth day of April next, and that said Commissioners make their decision on the fourth Tuesday of May. The bill, as reported, was made the special order for Monday next at three o'clock.

The House of Representatives have been in Committee of the Whole to-night to discuss the infamous Black Laws. The question was discussed with great ability on the side of freedom, the parties taking part being Messrs. Paine, Lane, Hopkins and Niles up to twelve o'clock. The cause of wrong and outrage was defended in a loud mouthed and howling manner by Messrs. Barrett, Reece, Webb and others. The Copperheads howled themselves lame at the start and made bungling work to the end.

The question on the Black Laws will be taken up to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. The vote on them will be strictly a party vote.

The following continues the report previously sent of to-day's proceedings:

SENATE.

Mr. Peters' motion to take up the House message, in relation to the Agricultural College committee, was withdrawn.

Mr. Hatch moved that the question of the removal of the State Capital be made the special order at two o'clock next Tuesday.

Mr. Mack called for the yeas and nays--yeas 16; nays, 9. The speaker decided the motion lost, the vote required being sixteen.

Mr. Green, of Morton, presented a number of petitions relative to the removal of the Supreme Court to Cairo, together with bill and moved a suspension of the rules--yeas, 11; nays, 14.

The following bills were introduced and referred:

A bill to amend the charter of Alton.

Mr. Allen--Do Page Mutual Insurance Company bill; allowing the Directors to increase the capital stock, and to extend their road from Aurora to Morris.

Mr. Wards--To incorporate the Schenck Concentrate Feed Company; Illinois Land Loan Company.

Mr. Lansing--For removal of the State Capital to Chicago. Referred to a special committee of five.

Mr. Green, of Alexander--A resolution to publish the report of the Army Auditor for the use of the Senate--adopted. Same--A resolution relative to Soldiers' Orphans' Homes.

The Chair appointed the following special committee of five on the subject of the Agricultural College bill: Messrs. Lansing, Mack, Green of Marion, Richards, and Green of Alexander.

Bills on Third Reading--For relief of W. H. Bowen; relating to the issuance of the School Commissioner's warrants; making the charter of Alton.

A. B. P. No. the question being on the amendment of Mr. Green of Alexander, to divide the bill relative to the Agricultural College, into three agricultural colleges, an earnest discussion ensued. Messrs. Green of Alexander, Green of Clinton, Messrs. Mason and Green of Alexander in favor of the amendment. Messrs. Mack and Richards opposed. Carried. The question on the amendment of Senator Green was then put, and the bill was carried--yeas 14, nays 9. The bill was ordered to a third reading--yeas 14, nays 9.

IN THE HOUSE--An hour was occupied this afternoon in taking the yeas and nays upon various questions touching the postponement of the report of Mr. Beach--which was finally postponed. Another motion to reconsider the vote by which the report was postponed was then made and carried.

Mr. Joslyn moved to take up the bill in relation to the removal of the State capital to Chicago and refer to a special committee of seven.

Mr. Miller of Logan moved to lay it on the table. Carried, yeas 65, nays 31.

Mr. Hill moved to lay the bill, motion and amendment on the table. Carried, yeas 78, nays 17--Cook county delegation voting in the affirmative.

The people of this country should discard all sectarian prejudices at home and abroad, and by encouraging the efforts of Rev. Mr. Lovejoy in his noble and humane work, show to the world that the American idea of religious liberty is not a mere abstraction, but a fact achieved by our fathers and preserved by us.

Adjourned.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 3, 1865.

The bill for a canal around Niagara Falls was read twice and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The House bill to pay the five surviving soldiers of the Revolutionary War $100 each was read twice and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The Senate bill in relation to the Enrollment act was made the special order for to-morrow at one o'clock.

On motion of Mr. POWELL, of Ky., the bill to bridge the Ohio River at Louisville, was made the special order for Monday at one o'clock.

Mr. COLLAMER, of Vt., from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, reported a bill to locate a Post Office at Cincinnati, which was made the special order for Monday next at one o'clock.

Mr. POWELL, of Ky., introduced a bill to increase the pay of army officers, calling upon its points touching the relations of the two principal actors in the said drama. According to Miss Harris' own statement, now first elaborately made up in the account in question, the first phase of the case is not sustained, and her assertions in the premises by the who first took her in charge are directly controverted. Jealousy and disappointment are made the sole incentives to the horrible deed, while her own asseverations are explicit as to the innocence of her relation for with the deceased. We shall be among the best pleased to find the memory of the dead thus lightened, to the relief of the anguish that rests upon a wide circle of his relatives here. The case is one of the most singular in criminal annals, and the mystery is just night. Time it will be for the courts to explain.

The Black Laws are to be passed upon by the House to-day. We trust that there can be only one result, and that this blot upon our statute books will be removed finally and forever.

In the Illinois Legislature the Agricultural College grant is under discussion and nearing a decision. It would help the cause of learning if our legislators would all of them forget this question is available in their halt of localities, and settle the question on State interests only. It will be very easy to smother out all advantages from a gift intended to be permanently valuable and to frittter away its benefits simply to help schemers and ambitious sectionalists.

The work goes bravely on Yesterday, Maryland and Massachusetts, (think of that, 19th of April,) Pennsylvania and West Virginia, ratified--formally and powerfully--the Anti-Slavery Amendment to the Constitution.

It takes three-fourths of the States, after the recommendation of an amendment of the Constitution of the United States by two-thirds of both Houses of Congress, to adopt that amendment. Therefore, as it is proposed to amend the Constitution, the question, "What constitutes a State?" becomes a very pertinent and practical one. The point is, whether the States of the Southern Confederacy are to be counted, in ascertaining how many States are wanted to make up three-fourths of the whole number.

The pirates captured in the Florida have been released, and gone to Halifax.

ARE HORSE RAILROADS CHARITIES?

The public necessities require large expenditures and heavy taxation. There are sources of revenue belonging to the public which if properly saved and judiciously applied may go far to lighten the weight of our taxes and make the burden of assessments compassionately easy, which, without them, will be grievously felt by taxpayers. All public franchises and privileges should be made by fit management, under the control of the public authorities, thus to contribute to the public revenue and help pay the expense of public wants and necessities. There is no reason, at all, why selfishness and greed, why one man, or company of men, should turn the profits to be made from a public franchise into their own coffers, and seek to divert an income that justly belongs to all to their own individual emolument. The attempt, by whoever made, proves the man making it to be unmindful of his duty to the public and willing to increase his own gains, by an unjust and mean seizure of what belongs to all the public, and to which he individually has no just right. There is no reason why public endowments created and designed for the poor and infirm. Men who are in need of public support should apply to them, as the proper place where the indigent can find support and the unfortunate can find succor. A man of good health and proper spirit recoil from such a step, and yet it is more manly and of far higher tone to go to them, than for strong and rich men to plot and work to turn property that belongs to the public to their own individual use.

If the men who are seeking to take away from the people forever all the gains of the horse railroad franchise, and appropriate them to their own private ends, are too poor or unfortunate that this just for the public to support and maintain them, let them apply to the proper authorities. There are institutions prepared for the poor and the infirm, but horse railroads are not chartered for that purpose. They are not charitable institutions. When men, for any reason, think they need to be supported by the public, and are determined to live on public benefactions, let them apply to eleemosynary institutions or to the overseers of the poor. If they are properly objects for charity, there is a proper path open before them; but if they are not thus needy and dependent, they have no valid reason for begging the public to give to them alone what belongs equally to all. There is no something more and extraordinary in the nature and enormous extent of the wants and needs of these men. Theirs is no ordinary destitution, for it takes millions to supply it. No case of every day want, for it requires the accumulated revenues of a hundred years to relieve it. The poorest man that ever appealed to a generous public for relief, so far as we have ever heard, are the men who want the charter; for it takes thousands every week to make them tolerably comfortable. They are the most gigantic beggars that ever were; and the most appalling less than an income of millions will give them relief. If such prodigious instances of urgent necessity and want are to increase and multiply in our midst, and our richest and most prosperous men are going to appeal to the public to provide for their wants, it becomes a very serious question how our people can ever support both themselves and this mammoth breed of beggars.

MAJOR GENERAL POPE.

This excellent Illinois officer has arrived in the city from Milwaukee, en route for the new and important position to which he has been called--the command of the Military Division of the Missouri, comprising the Departments of Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and the Northwest. Throughout the war General Pope has been characterized by prompt energy and a degree of judgment, and a reversion of sentence upon the deceased, until the hearing before this Court can be had, calling upon its counsel to show cause why the sentence should not be executed. The President has also directed that the sentence of Mrs. Surratt be commuted to imprisonment for life in the Penitentiary at Albany, N. Y.

Men of Chicago! are not the vested rights of the city of Chicago worth as much to you as those of the railroad monopolies are to their speculators? The city now has the right to take the railroads at the end of nineteen years and thereafter run or lease or sell them, so as to derive a revenue from them. These rights the H. R. R. Bill takes away without any compensation. Must your property continue to be taxed to support these monopolies after they have grown rich without taxation? Come to the meeting to-night and make known your will. The people still rule.

The English House of Peers at present consists of one Prince, two Royal Dukes, three Archbishops, twenty-four Dukes, thirty-one Marquises, one hundred and fifty-eight Earls, thirty-one Viscounts, twenty-eight Bishops, and one hundred and fifty-eight Barons. As the Bishop of Bath and Wells also also as Baron of Auckland, the total number of Peers is four hundred and thirty-five.

Eloquent speakers will address the Horse Railroad meeting to-night. There are some things in the bill which a Philadelphia lawyer could not explain; but so far as it can be explained by the legal talent of Chicago it will be faithfully dissected to-night.

Turn out to-night, draymen, hackmen, expressmen and carmen of Chicago, and say whether you are to pay a license tax to the city while the most valuable franchises granted by the city pay no tax whatever.

Turn out to-night, mechanics and workingmen and say whether the Horse Railroad monopolies are to rule the city.

By Mr. Logan, an act to regulate fees of Sheriffs county for bounty purposes; by Mr. Murphy establishing and Collectors in certain counties; by Mr. Warner, authorizing the collection of taxes in DeWitt lishing a corporation in Spartan school district; by Mr. Noble, enabling the towns of McLean county to raise money for war purposes.

By Mr. Bryant, an act concerning lands mortgaged; by Mr. Kerley, incorporating the Clayton and Rushville Railroad Company; by Mr. Burchard, legalizing assessment and collection of bounty tax laid in Stephenson county; by Mr. Flucking, to organize an experimental school for the education of feeble minded children; by Mr. Lowery, to incorporate the Southern Illinois Seminary.

The following bills were then taken up and passed:

An act to enable citizens of the town of Rhodes, LaSalle county, to raise money for bounty purposes. Also the town of Peru, LaSalle county.

To legalize acts of Board of Supervisors of Ford and Iroquois counties. Also of Stephenson county.

Authorizing Schuler county to issue bonds for county purposes.

To authorize Kendall county to borrow money.

Bill for relief of enlisted and drafted men in Brown county.

Senate bills on second reading.

Bill for an act to incorporate Union Stock Yard and Transit Company. Motion to refer to Committee on Banks and Banking. Another motion to print. Another referring to Committee on Railroads. Finally carried.

Adjourned until 7 o'clock, when debate will ensue on repeal of the Black Laws.

FROM ST. LOUIS.

Railroad Accident--Missouri Military Matters.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

ST. LOUIS, Friday, Feb. 3.

A collision occurred yesterday morning at the crossing of the Chicago Railroad and Ohio and Mississippi, by which many freight cars were wrecked, but no lives lost.

Gen. Dodge has received the report of scouts from Arkansas, indicating from undoubted evidence that the stories heretofore received via Little Rock of the death of Sterling Price are incorrect.

The son of a Milwaukee preacher named Wm. H. Montgomery was yesterday furnished with quarters in Gratiot street prison for representing himself as belonging to the Provost Guard, in which capacity he alarmed a number of colored women on Almond street.

Gen. Ewing, the commanding General of the St. Louis District, has left for Washington city. It is said to be his intention to lay before the President and Secretary of War the condition of Missouri and her inability to fill any further demands for troops, except by volunteering.

Lieut. Colonel Spencer, of Co. B, 45th Missouri volunteers was to-day committed by Commissioner Baker to arrest all Missouri brushwackers and horse thieves now found in Illinois. The lieutenant was ordered to report to Gen. Cook, commanding the District of Springfield, Ill., and ask for authority to make the proposed arrests. General Cook readily granted the desired authority and expressed a hope that the Missouri would clear out the last man of them. In pursuit of his object the lieutenant will proceed to the vicinity of the late Bill Anderson's gang. They were arrested in the vicinity of Kinderhook, Pike county, whither Louisiana leaves for Baltimore, the steamers are still out in the stream.

New York, Friday, Feb. 3.--The Richmond *Sentinel* of the 31st, (Davis' organ) has an article which, looks up the view that the Confederacy is the main thing for which they drew the sword, and they would listen to no suggestions for its compromise as the price of peace.

The Richmond *Enquirer* also has an article on the peace mission, denouncing as opinion or no consideration as a farce, and demands liberty and independence or no peace.

FROM BOSTON.

The Bay State and the Anti-Slavery Amendment--Destructive Fire.

BOSTON, Friday, Feb. 3.--Both branches of the Massachusetts Legislature, this afternoon, unanimously passed the bill ratifying the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery.

A fire in North Adams this morning destroyed the Arcade Block, Smith's Block and other buildings. Many manufacturing and printing paper offices were destroyed. Loss not stated.

FROM THE SHENANDOAH.

The Deserters from Rebeldom--An Important Fact.

NEW YORK, Friday, Feb. 3.--The *Times'* Winchester correspondence says: "A majority of the deserters now are not only native born Southerners, but many of them men of standing at home, and of the property class, who, either turning upon principle or influenced by interest, have heretofore taken part neutrally with the Confederate movement, and staked their all upon the ultimate achievement of their success. In this view of the case the class of kind of men who are now coming within our lines becomes not only an interesting matter for consideration, but an important fact, as showing the demoralization among a portion of the people within the rebel lines, whom no Jersey prickets or blue prophecy on the part of the Confederate leaders who have everything to lose and nothing to gain, can longer deceive."

FROM BALTIMORE.

Maryland Ratifies the Anti-Slavery Amendment.

BALTIMORE, Friday, Feb. 3.--The Senate of Maryland to-day passed the Constitutional amendment abolishing slavery, concurring in the action of the House as already reported.

A Wholesale Operation.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Feb. 3.--G. Miller Allen, arrested in December last on charge of being concerned in the robbing of the Custom House, was arraigned to-day before the United States Commissioner on a charge of the embezzlement of Government moneys. Collector Thomas testified to the following facts: Allen's account as cashier of the Custom House: Specie and demand notes, $6,281 77; legal-tender notes, $5,404 10; two bags of gold containing $6,200 are missing. The accused is held to answer in $50,000 bail.

FROM NEW YORK.

Deserter Shot--Sad Calamity to a Household.

NEW YORK, Friday, Feb. 3.--James Devlin was shot to-day on Governor's Island for desertion. Deputy Baynes having received a command in the Army of the Potomac, Gen. Hardie now Provost Marshal of this city, immediately takes the latter's late command at Hart Island.

A whole family near this place, six in number, were suffocated by gas in Washington street, Brooklyn, last night. One or two children are dead; the others were rescued, nearly exhausted, and conveyed to the hospital.

The Florida Pirates Liberated.

BOSTON, Friday, Feb. 3.--The crew of the rebel steamer Florida, which was captured off Bahia by the United States steamer Wachusett, have been liberated on bail. The crew numbered 110, but numbered about thirty. They were taken from the time to get a light. The vessel is a fine British steamer Canada, which sailed from this port last Wednesday, for Halifax.

The Butter Trade.

NEW YORK, Friday, Feb. 3.--The Springfield *Republican* says: "The last spring for a rise, have been hoarding butter until they have now it on hand, and which, at the present is best advancing, must soon be thrown on the market. The consequence can't be otherwise than a great fall in prices."

Pennsylvania Legislature.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Friday, Feb. 3.--The State Senate has ratified the amendment to the Constitution abolishing slavery. The House is debating the question.

POSTSCRIPT.

FROM NEW YORK.

Our Special Midnight Dispatch--Washington News--The Peace Rumors--Pennsylvania for the Anti-slavery Amendment.

[Special Dispatch to the World from New York, Friday, Feb. 3--Midnight.

The Peace Question.

The *Herald* expresses its belief that Jeff. D. is in very near submission, and has no doubt that peace is near.

The *Tribune* claims to know that the peace movement originated in an earnest and anxious desire for peace, on a basis just it itself and honorable to all concerned, and has no doubt it is prosecuted in a kindred spirit.

The Richmond *Examiner*, in an editorial peace, says: "We should try and possess our souls with equanimity until those worthy gentlemen who have gone to Washington, return to Richmond. We are not of those who believe the peace talk and peace missions tend to demoralize the army. We do not believe the soldiers and officers who have braved the storms of battle for three years are willingly to be demoralized by peace talk; but on the contrary we believe it to be such good for our people to understand in an authoritative manner from men like Vice-President Stephens, Senator Hunter and Judge Campbell, the exact degree of degradation for which our enemy would reduce us by reconstruction. We believe that the so-called mission from these gentlemen will teach our people that the terms of the enemy are nothing less than unconditional surrender. Better go down fighting--better to be subjugated and conquered than live to recollect that we brought our ruin upon ourselves by cowardice and base submission. These missions should encourage our people to renewed effort and nerve them to future conflicts, by showing us that we have brought the country to consider peace, which, at no previous time during the last four years, would he even stop to talk about.

"Heretofore his language has been to parley with rebellion--no terms with traitors," but now he sends one, two, and three missions, and has consented to permit Mr. Stephens and others to come to Washington, whom, three months ago, he sent back to Fortress Monroe. There is considerable change and very great improvement in the manners of the enemy. Notwithstanding our recent reverses, he has barred enough to make him polite and courteous. Let the peace talk exhaust itself, and we shall be none the worse off, if we note not our efforts to fag and our spirits to fail."

The *Waig* has a similar article. It thinks compromise possible, but not probable. It says the North peace means reconstruction of the Union and under the impression of its approach, gold falls. In the South peace means separation and independence; in connection with any railroad in the State; also, three bills to pay contingent expenses about the Capitol.

Bills passed to incorporate the German Printing Company; also the Bloomington and Normal Railroad Company.

Bills passed to amend the charter of the city of Oskosh to settle with its bond-holders.

There was a long discussion on a bill relative to allowances to members of the State Legislature, and the Senate voted to fix a maximum rate of $2.50 a day.

Bills were ordered to a third reading, including one to charter the People's Savings' Bank in Milwaukee.

In the Assembly bills were introduced amending section 2, chapter 100, of the laws of 1861, relating to State aid to soldiers' families; amending section 17, chapter 109, of the Revised Statutes, of offences against public policy; to detach Dallas county from the fifth, and attach it to the 9th circuit.

Bills were passed changing the time of meeting of the courts in the 6th circuit; requiring a change of the boundaries of the 32 Assembly districts; to change the name of the State Bank of Wisconsin to a National Bank; amending the charter of the people's Savings' Bank of Milwaukee; to incorporate cities and villages, with several appropriation bills for contingent expenses about the Capitol; also to authorize the issuance of additional bounty to volunteers and additional pay to veterans.

FROM THE FAR WEST.

Latest from the Overland Mail Route --More Indian Depredations--The Indians Attack Julesburg.

ST. LOUIS, Friday, Feb. 3.--A dispatch from Omaha, of the 2d inst., says a large number of Indians have been hovering around Julesburg for several days, but the garrison is too small to attack them. To-day they attacked the fort, burned the stables and a sutler's store. Several persons whose containing a large amount of corn, hay and provisions. The entire station consisting of several buildings is reduced to ashes. A considerable amount of telegraph supplies are also destroyed.

An entire train had been captured west of Fort Laramie within the week by the Cheyennes, and one man killed.

The train left Julesburg down the route of the attack on the fort at Julesburg is not known.

OUR PRISONERS.

Statements of A. D. Richardson, the Escaped Tribune Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Friday, Feb. 3.--Mr. Richardson, who escaped from the rebel prison at Salisbury, N. C., and arrived in this city this morning at 4 o'clock, gives the following statement of the condition of the prisoners in rebel hands. He proposes first to publish an account of his escape, and afterwards to write a full account of the treatment of our prisoners by others, and was referred to the Printing Committee, with instructions to report whether it is not for the best interest of the public to have publication in local newspapers as amendment.

The Assembly resolution relative to the correction of the quotation of the 4th inst. indefinitely postponed on the ground that its objects would probably be otherwise attained.

The Senate passed, over the encouragement and prosecution of wool growing interests, by payment of a State bounty on the destruction of wolves; and to amend the charter of the Western Telegraph Company; to amend the charter of the Rock Island Bridge Company; the Adams and Pike Railroad; the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad; to amend the charter of the Monticello Railroad; for constructing a horse railroad in Chicago. Amendment, to be elected by the companies--all other officers are to be appointed by the Governor. All commissioned officers must pass a board of examination. No exemption is to be granted except to the United States officers and soldiers of invalid or physical disability. No grade higher than Brigadier General; no one to be appointed Major General; no one to be appointed Brigadiers not to exceed eight.

The Committee on Banks to this Convention reported an article of the Constitution prohibiting hereafter the incorporation of any but National Banks. Carried.

A bill has been introduced in the State Senate, which will probably pass, to amend the several sections hereafter created for profit or gain, that may be renewed or amended, shall pay into the State Treasury one per cent per annum of their net profits for ten years, as a special fund for the benefit of the families of soldiers. Should there be more than one Home in the State, this fund is to be divided pro rata as to the number of citizens in them; but if only one Home, the entire fund is to go to it. Forfeiture of charter is the penalty for violation of this act.

Mr. Gridley's sanitary sack of flour, which became known as the "Chicago" or "California," was sold twenty-three times at public auction yesterday, at the Metropolitan Hall, realizing $5,775, for the benefit of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home. The sale will be continued to-day, after which the sack will be taken to Washington. Gold purchasers ultimately to take the flour back to Nevada, where it is to be ground, put into sacks of fifty and sell it.

The weather has become very mild, and the prospect for a speedy opening of the river to Cairo is quite flattering.

The Louisiana and State Constitutional Convention have collided; and though no damage has yet been done to life or limb, there is a fine opportunity for a general smash-up.

The State Capitol has instructed its Judiciary Committee to inquire into the expediency of calling a new Convention in place of the present one, which is now on file in the Senate. The question of considering questions not before the people, especial matters which have been suppressed, as intimating that they may be induced to exercise their superior authority and put a quietus to the Secret Service Money Bill by abolishing the whole body. The Legislature no doubt has the right to call a new Convention, but it derives that right from the Constitution, of which the Convention itself, we should not only be interesting, but quite serious.

FROM MADISON.

The Wisconsin Legislature--Yesterday's Proceedings.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

MADISON, Wis., Friday, Feb. 3, 1865.

The Legislature like Congress, adjourned over to Monday evening. Most of the members have gone to Milwaukee on invitation of the Young Men's Association, to-night.

It is raining a perfect deluge to-day, prevailing.

In the Senate, a petition was presented for the relief for farm mortgages, &c. A memorial from the Adjutant General for an additional force, was adopted, directing inquiry as to the amount of money raised in the different towns of the State for local bounties, and to ask bounties from time to time of pamphlets containing the laws similar to those of last session was, after some discussion, laid on the table. A communication from the Governor, with instructions to report whether it is not for the best interest of the public to have publication in local newspapers as amendment.

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FROM CINCINNATI.

The Chicago Conspiracy Trials Before the Military Commission.

Proceedings of Thursday--Testimony of Col. Skinner, Mr. Medaris and Dr. Hinkle--Important Documentary Evidence.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

CINCINNATI, Feb. 3, 1865.

The Court Martial now in session in this city assembled this morning in the rotunda of the Court House, pursuant to adjournment. All the members of the commission were present, also the Judge Advocate, the assistant counsel for the government, the accused and their counsel.

The record of the last session was read and, on motion, approved.

The minutes of the testimony of Mr. Strawn were submitted to him for revision, and also to the counsel for the accused.

The accused, Charles Francis Daniels, said that as neither of his counsel were present, he trusted the Court would delay a few moments until their arrival; his defense was different from that of the others, and he feared his counsel could hardly do justice to the case with only a partial hearing of the witnesses.

Colonel Murray, President of the Commission, suggested that the Court should wait twenty minutes, if necessary, for the absent attorneys, Judges Bartley and Key.

Lieutenant Colonel Skinner was then sworn by the Judge Advocate, as a witness for the Government. He testified as follows:

EVIDENCE OF COLONEL SKINNER.

My name is Lewis C. Skinner. I am Lieutenant Colonel of the 5th regiment of Veteran Reserve Corps, stationed at Camp Douglas, in Chicago. I occupied the same position in November, 1864, except that I was then Commissary of Prisoners at Camp Douglas. In November last, I arrested the person who, his son, also a gentleman who gave his name as Charles Travis, a man named Cambell, and one man whose name I understood to be Daniels, or some similar name, though I do not remember it clearly at present. I did not know that Cambell belonged to the army. I have seen him twice in this Court since this trial commenced. He is the accuser who was granted a separate trial on account of sickness. The men were arrested about 9 o'clock in the morning of the 5th of November last. On the day before Colonel Sweet remained in the city all day, having taken charge of a scalp of prisoners. We found that the house we were searching for was further on. 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Some of them were a very nice looking weapon, and was claimed, I believe, to be the property of Mr. Welsh. The guns shown me by the Judge Advocate are a sample of the greater majority of those found in the bed room. I do not know how many bullets I found, I should think, and were navy revolvers of the Colt pattern, and of the latest pattern. In the packages there were from 15,000 to 15,000 rounds of cartridges. I was not satisfied. We also discovered in a box covered over with sheets of paper about 800 or 900 buckshot cartridges. These last of the kind which I mention have been very unskillfully made, but would fully answer the purpose for which they were made if they had been manufactured in any regular article, and one that could have been offered for sale in stores. I do not remember the exact number of bullet moulds, but it was somewhere between 30 and 40. The moulds in Court now are of the same pattern. We further discovered three or four pairs of gun percussion caps. Each box contained about 250 caps, and down and around the bed room and in a 32 revolver wrenches, one of which generally accompanies each pistol when purchased. There were also in the bed room two kegs of gunpowder. As the heads were in I could not see how much powder there was, but should think that neither were full; one was perhaps about half filled, and the other about three fourths. There were also six or eight bags of buckshot. The smaller number of cartridges which were roughly manufactured were found in the parlor and upper order and the same buckshot, as that in the kegs and bags which we discovered. In the same room a number of cartridges were made of buckshot. The arms and ammunition I considered as sent to camp. Soon after I examined them all the men and pistols were loaded, except the extra gun claimed by some to belong to one of the four long guns. I may have examined a little over 300 revolvers all of which were fully loaded. 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THE GREAT HORSE RAILROAD SWINDLE.

Public Meeting To-Night.

The resolutions of the Board of Trade, which we publish in another column, denouncing the Horse Railroad Swindle, confirm our statements that the people of Chicago are unanimous against this gigantic outrage. It needs but the opportunity to meet and protest, and the impression that such meetings and protestations are necessary, to call forth the whole population of Chicago to oppose the bill. It has simply no favor and no toleration whatever at the hands of any here, except those who are stockholders or under their immediate power and influence. The indignation of the people has been so generally and vehemently expressed, through remonstrances, by public meetings, in resolutions and by committees, that we find it difficult to believe that further protest can be necessary. We are a democratic people, and are accustomed to see our public servants respect the voice of their constituents, not defy their indignation. Day after day for weeks, through the press, by resolutions, and remonstrances, the manifold frauds and indquities of this bill, have been held up to public view, and the hostility of the people of Chicago to its passage expressed. No apology, explanation, or defense of the obnoxious features of the bill has been attempted. They are tacitly conceded by its friends to be wholly indefensible. Even when one of the members voting for it attempted to address a meeting of the citizens of Chicago, he offered nothing in justification of the bill. The people have been willing to bear this great wrong defended, if defense were possible, but not a word of apology has been offered; and now, after ample time has been given for discussion, and no facts or arguments produced to show that this bill is not considered in fraud and brought forth in corruption, the people are of one heart and of one mind. They regard it as an impudent, unmitigated, unprecedented swindle, from beginning to end. It defrauds the city of its vested corporate rights and property to the value of millions of dollars. It erects a political oligarchy to rule the city by bribery and corruption in the future. It binds the city and its population hand and foot, and delivers them over to the rapacity of these oligarchs, who even now are able to induce some of our public servants to insult and trample on the rights of their constituents. It places the future growth and prosperity of the city under the control and limitation of these oligarchs, by giving them a monopoly of all the principal streets of the city without reserving any right to compel them to lay down tracks or put on cars, but leaving the accommodation of the public to their private whim and caprice. It enables them practically to double or treble their fares, while it excludes all competition, thus forcing the poor to crowd into the heart of the city, or to submit to whatever burdens the railroads may impose upon them. It sells the birthright of the people, and gives them not even the mess of pottage as its price. Throughout the bill there is not a line of relief or benefit to the city or the people in return for the vast wealth it gives to the stockholders of the railroad companies. Like the tracks before the lion's den, all are going in, none coming out. The petty devices which have been resorted to by the lobby for this bill, go as far to impeach its character as the arguments against it. No just measure would need expedients so unworthy. One of these resorts was the preparation of a horse railroad charter, in which the names of Messrs. Scammon, Goodrich and Larned are inserted. We have before us the admission, signed by the person who thus used their names, that those three names were inserted without the knowledge or authority of those persons, and that the latter were not aware of the use of their names until February 1st, inst. Yet this unauthorized use of their names was freely pleaded by the railroad lobbyists to deceive members of the Legislature into the belief that of the vast numbers opposed to the bill, at least those three were influenced by private and personal interests. This is all false. The opposition to the railroad bill is universal and disinterested except in so far as every citizen feels a personal interest in preventing a wholesale swindle on the city and the people.

We know that every influence known to the lobby is being brought to bear to pass this bill. The employees of the Railroad companies swarm around the capitol like locusts. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are at stake to their employers, and they will stick at nothing. But on behalf of the people of Chicago, whose property it contemplates to private use, whose solemnly guaranteed rights it tramples under foot, whose people it will injure and oppress, we invoke the veto of the Governor. We call upon him to protect us from an injury which his signature would make irretrievable. We call upon him, and upon our representatives in the Legislature, to submit this question to the people of Chicago. These wealthy stockholders pretend that the opposition proceeds only from the envious, and that the poor are with them. Let them show that they believe this, by submitting the question to the people, among whom the wealthy are always in the minority. If they dare not, they admit that the poor are not with them. The citizens have spoken in public meeting and through Committees. They will meet and speak again, to-night, in our public halls. Let all interested in the rights and welfare of the people attend. The Board of Trade has spoken. The Mechanics' Associations have in part spoken. The Trades Union has spoken. All utter one voice—a voice of earnest, emphatic, overwhelming denunciation of this unconscionable swindle. In no more terribly earnest way could the people speak than they have done. But let them, if we interpret their views aright, come together again to-night, in still more impressive and unanswerable strength, and send forth their instructions in such thunder tones that none shall fail to hear and understand them.

MR. McCULLOCH FOR SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

The fact that the time is drawing near when Mr. Fessenden will feel compelled, in accordance with his other engagements and his frequently expressed determination, to withdraw from the Treasury Department, naturally excites a deep interest in the selection of a successor, to a position to which so many might aspire, and which so few could properly fill. Four years ago public opinion fixed upon Mr. Chase with remarkable unanimity, and the event has justified that choice. Called to preside over the treasury at a time when the demands were necessarily incompatible with the selfishness of the capitalists of this country, he built up in the midst of a fearful war such a credit as the nation had never before enjoyed, borrowing hundreds of millions more easily than any former incumbent had borrowed scores. The same public voice which has compelled to Chase three years before for the Treasury designated Fessenden as his successor. Upon his experience throughout a long political life, culminating in his intimate connection with the national finances, as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, it was founded a belief and a hope that no other person would so ably discharge the difficult and important duties of the position. Mr. Fessenden has also met the public expectation and estimate. At present, however, with the exception of Mr. McCulloch, our present Comptroller of the Currency, there is no person whom the experience of a lifetime, joined by honorable association with, and appreciation of, our finances during this war, has so eminently prepared and fitted to succeed Mr. Fessenden in charge of our Treasury Department. In one respect, McCulloch comes with a preparation superior to that of either of them. While they were lawyers, Mr. McCulloch is a practical banker, and we cannot but regard this as a far better preparation than that which any lawyer can enjoy for a high and difficult financial position. His career as a banker has been eminently successful, and such as to suggest his selection to Mr. Chase as the head of the most important bureau of the Treasury Department. As Comptroller of the Currency, both under Chase and under Fessenden, his special experience of our financial system has been greater than that of any person other than the Secretaries themselves. The abilities he has developed in this position, and the experience they involve, have caused these best acquainted with the subject to look now to him with much of the confidence with which they have successively regarded Mr. Chase and Mr. Fessenden. We believe he will, like a good pilot, ably hold the ship to the course she has thus far pursued with safety. It may be objected that his appointment as Secretary of the Treasury would give Indiana two members of the Cabinet; as Mr. Usher, Secretary of the Interior, is from that State. But this objection is obviated by the fact that it is the reorganization of the Cabinet for the incoming Administration, that is, several incumbents will all tender their resignations, leaving the President free to re-appoint or make such new selections as the public interests may seem to require.

Among the aspirants for this office the name of E. D. Morgan, formerly Governor of New York, has been mentioned. It is even intimated that Mr. Seward's willingness to exchange his position in the Cabinet for that of Minister to England will furnish a strong evidence of Morgan's geographical fitness for the place, as both he and Mr. Seward are from New York. As their residence in that State is an honor which they share in common with some four millions of their fellow citizens, it is to be hoped that this argument will not be deemed conclusive in favor of Mr. Morgan's appointment.

Mr. Morgan has been a retired New York merchant of considerable wealth, which has been immensely increased during this war. His qualifications as a merchant and his ability as a politician are well known. He was twice a Governor of New York, an office which, after he had held it one term, ran into the hands of the Democracy in the person of Horatio Seymour. Mr. Morgan is by no means to be held responsible for the defeat of his party, as all politicians are liable to defeat. Nor can the utmost integrity prevent public men from having unjustly attached to them the stigma of evils over which they have had no control.

While we have, therefore, all due respect for Mr. Morgan's character as a gentleman and ability as a merchant, we see in his career no qualification for the office of Secretary of the Treasury in so important a crisis of our financial history. He is unknown as a financier, except so far as his private fortune sustains his claims to that character. He has been wholly disconnected with the finances of the Government, unless as a contractor, and has therefore had no experience in public affairs, and is destitute of experience. While it is barely possible that he might prove a good Secretary of the Treasury, it is equally possible of most men who have attained a national notoriety.

Mr. Boutwell, of Massachusetts, has also been mentioned in connection with the office. He possesses excellent qualities, which we believe will induce him to decline the position. No person could be more eligible, however, than Mr. Boutwell to Mr. McCulloch's present position as Comptroller of the Currency, a post which requires a knowledge of importance to that of Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. McCulloch is unmistakably designated by his abilities, experience, antecedents and position as the fit successor of Chase and Fessenden. Without disparaging the claims of any other statesmen, we rely upon his qualifications to secure him to the position. It is the President's wisest choice, and he seldom of late makes any other.

☞ Turn out to-night, residents on Michigan and Wabash avenues, Lake, Washington and Wolcott streets, and say whether you want hose cars through those streets. The Horse Railroad Bill repeals the clause protecting it.

Bad Effects of Peace-Mongering.

We believe this peace-mongering business was not only a fruitless, but also a dangerous and will do positive mischief. It injures our cause in two ways—first, by the encouragement it gives the rebels; and secondly, by the stoppage it produces in recruiting and other war efforts on our side of the lines.

Mr. Ayer has scarcely returned from Richmond when the rebel Southern press blazes out with statements, evidently made in concert, and probably emanating from a single source giving the southern public to understand that our government is weak and unable to carry on war, our people exhausted, and the nation ready to offer almost any terms for peace. The Richmond Inquirer leads off, and from its articles we can see how the rebel leaders are already using Mr. Blair's two visits to give courage to their friends and patience to their dupes, and to inflict another blow of discouragement upon the rising hopes of Southern Unionists. The *Enquirer* says:

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Mr. Harvey on behalf of R. S. Morris—About the time when Judge Morris made his report, the Grand Seignior of the lodge was, I think, Mr. Wilkinson, who in turn was succeeded by Colonel Jackson. Jr. Wilkinson is clerk in the drug store of Sampson & Believe is the name, on the corner of Randolph and State streets. Always I was under the impression that two officers to officiate, and a third one at the time of the initiation of any new member. The two I called forgot, but the other I remember was called "Ancient Brother." The designation of the third I forget. Sometimes, more than a common member, and with the other two occupied a chair. At the meeting when Morris spoke, I was present, and I remember well. Wilkinson, Morrison and Strawn, were present. Morrison was a commission merchant in Chicago. His was present that night as an ordinary member, and not, if I remember right, as an officer. The lodge room would hold fifty or sixty members. The average attendance was not more than fourteen or fifteen. But on the night in question there about a couple of dozen more which was above the average. The consultion to report on the objects of the organization was then about two weeks before, on the vote of the members present. A member was nominated and appointed a separate [illegible] report. Ayer, I forget who moved the appointment of Morris, of the Tribune, as I do not. At the time I took no note of the meeting, so I cannot remember anything that was done. When Morris submitted his report he was questioned with a plan we had previously determined upon. Questions were asked him to test the legality of the Order, and the time of the proposed uprising. On the evening we were appointed there were not more than ten or twelve of us present. Among them were Morrison, James Rock, of the Tribune, Strawn, Ayer, and myself. Dr. Ayer first spoke to me about joining the organization in his office, in Metzerott's building, about a month before Doolittle's speech, which I had known Ayer for some months before. He was a member of the same Chapter of Masons that I belonged to. Ayer asked me if I knew anything about the organization called the Knights. I told him I had never heard of it. He said he could not but thought the revelations about them were only an electioneering affair. I did not know then how much I pooled the Chicago Tribune was. He said they were engaged in some conspiracy, and wanted me to join them. I told him I would join, but before I refused, as I did not wish to be a Government detective. Afterwards he told me that a very dangerous person. The Richmond Inquirer leads off, and from its articles we can see how the rebel leaders are already using Mr. Blair's two visits to give courage to their friends and patience to their dupes, and to inflict another blow of discouragement upon the rising hopes of Southern Unionists. The *Enquirer* says:

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Report of the Testimony of Robert Alexander and Christopher Strawn

The Order of American Knights in Chicago—Its Members, Speeches and Treasonable Plottings.

[From Our Own Reporter.]

CINCINNATI, Feb. 1, 1865.

The court martial now engaged in investigating the circumstances of the Chicago conspiracy, came to order this morning in the rotunda of the Court House in this city pursuant to adjournment. Col. Murray, the President, and all the members of the Commission were present, also the Judge Advocate, the assistant counsel, the accused and their counsel.

The record of yesterday's session was read, and on motion, approved.

Some immaterial corrections were made in the official minutes of the testimony of Professor Swallow, copies of which had been furnished for revision to the counsel of the accused, and also to the members of the court.

The cross-examination of the witness Alexander was then continued as follows, by Judge Wilson on behalf of the prisoners Walsh and Grenfell:

I never was in the employ of the Government as a detective; have not been in the detective force for five or six years. I have not been a private detective for private individuals. In August of last year I was sent by Mr. Baker to assist him as a detective, in some important matter. He did not had discovered that there was a conspiracy in the Northwest, which he considered to be of a dangerous character. He told me that he had been informed that there was a plot to release the rebel prisoners at Chicago. I was directed to find out the organization called the Knights. I told him that I had never heard of it. He said they did not thought the revelations about them were only an electioneering affair. I did not know then how much I pooled the Chicago Tribune was. He said they were engaged in some conspiracy, and wanted me to join them and find out their scheme; but I refused, as I did not wish to be a Government detective. Afterwards he told me that a very dangerous person. The Richmond Inquirer leads off, and from its articles we can see how the rebel leaders are already using Mr. Blair's two visits to give courage to their friends and patience to their dupes, and to inflict another blow of discouragement upon the rising hopes of Southern Unionists. The *Enquirer* says:

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THE MECHANICS AND THE HORSE RAILROAD SWINDLE.—The unanimity of our citizens in opposing the Horse Railroad project received added exemplification yesterday in the action of the Mechanics' Association. The sense of outrage and wrong which has led nearly every class among our people to raise their protest against the action of the Legislature, has reached the mechanics, who, last evening, sent the following dispatch to Springfield:

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On behalf of the members of the *Trades' Assembly* of Chicago, comprised entirely of mechanics, I beg leave to enter their protest against the extension of the charter of the Horse Railroads of Chicago, as we consider the whole affair an unmitigated swindle.

Your obedient servant,

GEO. K. BARLITT,
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JOHN BLAKE, Secretary.

DONATION.—The Sanitary Commission has been presented with $25 by Mlle Zoe, the actress.

BILLIARDS.—Charles Frink and Thomas Foley are matched to play the same game of billiards over again which was played a few evenings since on same.

CONFIDENCE OPERATION.—David Bennett, a farmer from Alton, Dallas county, Iowa, was swindled out of $60 yesterday by the confidence game.

PERSONAL.—The San Francisco *Bulletin* of December 28th, says: "Mr. Ray Hinmonds, a banker from Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, late proprietors of the Occidental Hotel in Virginia City, and recently proprietors of the Lick House, are requested to announce the fact to their countregentlemen. The father of the latter is also a visitor, and it will be a charitable act to aid him in recovering his lost boy.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR STILES.—Professor James Sykes Stiles, formerly of the University of Lewisburg, Pa., and of Alleghany, New York, January 14, 1865, of consumption, aged thirty-two years. He was born in New Hampshire, and removed with his family to Ohio in his childhood. He graduated at Rochester, and almost immediately received the appointment of Professor of Belles Lettres in Lewisburg University, a professorship in which he filled with great acceptability and success. He leaves by falling health. He leaves a wife and two little ones to mourn his loss.

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION LECTURES.—The next lectures of the present winter course delivered before the Young Men's Association will be a series of four, by Dr. William Elder, of Philadelphia, the well-known statistician and writer. He will lecture on "The Debt and Resources of the Government." The first lecture will be delivered on Monday evening next. Dr. Elder is already celebrated as a writer on the subject, and his lectures promise to be of great interest. The price of admission to the course of lectures chosen by those organizing the lectures is fifty cents, which is cheap enough for us as a people. It will at individuals. The ability to cope with its difficulties, possessed by a people so wealthy as we are, and by our citizens. We expect to see crowded houses.

RELEASED FROM CAMP DOUGLAS.—A correspondent calls our attention to the fact that of the 179 rebel prisoners released in January last from Camp Douglas on taking the oath of allegiance, at least five-sixths are now in Chicago, swelling the long list of those who subsist on the charity of citizens, or else add to the beggary of the poor-house of our county in our midst. The proper course to be pursued in such cases is plain. Where they have no means of support or return to their families, is rather questionable. Our correspondent says that the people of the North, and of Illinois in particular, are not disposed to feed the rebels, and we believe he is right. Let the rebels go where the bounty of Union people, the majority of whom are not rebels at heart.

SUPREME COURT.—The regular weekly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home Relief Association was held yesterday afternoon in the office of the Secretary of the Association, Mr. Hiram Pierce, the First Vice President, in the absence of Mr. Hoyne, the new Secretary, was also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on the Roll reported that during the week there had been 641 arrivals and 1,441 departures.

The following contributions were reported: Ladies' Aid Society, Bloomington, a bale; Ladies' Aid Society, Peoria, $100; visitors to the Home, $7; Mrs. Hoyne, clothing for sick room worth $31.80; Mrs. Hoyne, $10; Mrs. Hoyne, clothing received to-day; Mrs. Hoyne, jelly and honey; Mrs. Hoyne, $10 for the soldier's wife; Christian Commission, $100.

The Superintendent of the Home showed 61 meals served, 3,700 rations issued, 1,000 lbs. of meat issued, 1,000 lbs. of meals served, 3,700.

The Committee on Finance reported having examined the cashier's books during the month, and found them correct. Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Hoyne and Mrs. Pierce were appointed a committee to audit the bills.

The following bills will follow the condition of crocks up to dark last evening:

First Ward	7	Hannover
Second	5	Hyde Park
Third	5	Jefferson
Fourth	4	Lake
Fifth	6	Lake View
Sixth	6	Lake
Seventh	7	Leyden
Eighth	10	Lyons
Ninth	5	Maine
Tenth	3	New Trier
Eleventh	4	Niles
Twelfth	4	Northfield
Thirteenth	3	Orland
Fourteenth	25	Palatine
Fifteenth	40	Palos
Sixteenth	45	Proviso
Barrington	10	Rich
Bloom	13	Schaumberg
Bremen	15	Thornton
Calumet	7	Wheeling
Cicero	5	Worth
Elk Grove	9	
Evanston	10	Total

THE CITY COURTS.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—Nothing was done in this Court yesterday. On Monday business will probably be resumed in this Court.

U. S. COMMISSIONER'S COURT.—No criminal or civil cause was heard before Commissioner Horne yesterday. A number of certificates of loyal character will be investigated in a day or two, the details of which, our readers will see by to-morrow's Informal.

CIRCUIT COURT.—*Before Judge Wilson.*—The cause entitled Clifton Angrave vs. Burwell & Wyman, was heard yesterday. The case was decided by a verdict for plaintiff, and a judgement for $600. The money was paid into the Court by defendants at the direction of the action, and this suit was to determine the ownership of the same. It was decided that the verdict was positive that the debt due to E. Stone & Co. by Burwell & Wyant was not assigned by them to Stone & Co. in payment of a debt due from them to the creditors of E. Stone & Co. Defendants moved for a new trial.

In the case entitled Willard & Quinn vs. Seneca Wright, for free, in which judgment was obtained by default, a motion was made to set aside said judgment by counsel moved for a new trial, on the ground that the verdict was too large and contrary to the law and the evidence; that the court erred in allowing evidence of services rendered in Mrs. Miller; that there was no evidence that defendant agreed to pay for the services so rendered; that the Court further erred in refusing to give the instructions furnished by the defendant to the jury; and that the action was brought in the wrong county. Wright and Miller, instead of Wright alone. Judge Williams overruled this motion, and rendered judgement on the verdict. Defendant excepted and prayed an appeal, which was granted on filing bond in the sum of $1,500 before the Administrator of the Court on Saturday, the 4th day of September by the Court.

County Court—Before Judge Bradwell.—In the matter of the estate of James H. Wayman, Mary Holt and James Wayman were appointed administrators on bond of $4,000.

GOOD TEMPLARS.—The following officers of the Star of Hope Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, were elected last evening:

W. C. T.—O. R. Eames; W. V. T.—Alice M. Drake; W. Sec.—Addie Gilbert; F. Sec.—Lydia Boyce; W. F. Sec.—C. Dorr; W. Treas.—Carrie Boyce; W. Mar.—Geo. Manning; W. C.—Chas. Poole; W. Sen.—D. Libby; P. W. C. T.—R. N. Edwards; R. H. S.—Emma Boyce; L. H. S.—Mattie Dick; Chap.—J. L. Drake.

HELD FOR TRIAL.—Charles Holmes and Sally E. Young were examined in the Police Court yesterday, the former charged with larceny, and the latter with receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be such. The case was partially examined on Thursday before Justice Morris, and concluded on Saturday's TRIBUNE. Holmes was held for trial in the sum of $1,000, and Mrs. Young in the sum of $200.

Correction.

Editors Tribune:

In your acknowledgement of receipts by the Christian Commission for Sick and Wounded Soldiers, reported that everything at the Rooms, No. 71 Dearborn street, should read "Rooms, No. 71 Randolph street."

Thanksgiving Jellies, &c., &c.

S. F. FARNSWORTH, TREASURER.

THE NORTH RAILROAD BILL.

Position of Our Representatives and the Governor.

The following is a translation of an article appearing in the *Staats Zeitung*, of this date:

That the Horse Railroad Bill, which has passed both branches of the Legislature, is a great wrong against the city of Chicago and its inhabitants, is indisputable. All that is necessary to say against this bill are candidly laid bare before the people and the eyes of its Representatives. The friends of the bill have refuted not one single argument urged against its passage; say, they have not even attempted to refute them, but they have by their silence, however, they have perceived the utter falsehood of their own assertions, and have failed because they do not dare to advocate the bill before an outraged people. As an argument in favor of the bill, the opponents of the bill have achieved a significant victory; but whether justice and right will finally be triumphant, depends on the action of our Representatives, and the Executive of the State. All the injury done by the acts of our Representatives may yet be repaired. The people have so far not judged harshly; they were willing to concede to each honorable view of the bill, and the opinion that there was no opposition to it, was unquestionably an honorable defense, and